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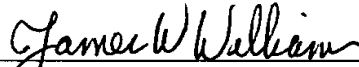
The following document is cited in the specification of the above-identified patent application:

- (1) "Micro Total Analysis Systems 2000", Proceedings of the  $\mu$ TAS 2000 Symposium, Enschede, The Netherlands, May 14-18, 2000, Kluwer Academic Publishers, title page, xvi page and pages 473-476.

Applicants consider the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited document.

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